

Re-notice
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, and the City of Virginia Beach seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of an Implementation Plan to begin to achieve the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) established for fecal coliform bacteria in Lynnhaven Bay, Broad Bay and Linkhorn Bay in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

The Final Bacteria TMDL report which establishes the loading limits for the Lynnhaven, Broad and Linkhorn Bays is available on DEQ's website at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov>. These waters are identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for fecal coliform bacteria in shellfish waters.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and '62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia, require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report. The Code of Virginia further requires DEQ to prepare implementation plans for the TMDL and take measures to implement those plans.

The first public meeting on the development of the Lynnhaven, broad and Linkhorn Bay TMDL Implementation Plan will be held on Thursday March 10, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at the Advanced Technology Center, 1800 College Crescent, Virginia Beach, Virginia. The Initial Public Meeting to solicit public input to the preparation of the Implementation Plan for the Shellfish Bacteria TMDL for the greater Lynnhaven River Watershed in Virginia Beach.

The public comment period will begin on Friday, March 11, 2005, and end on April 4, 2005. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Chester Bigelow and should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments. Requests should be sent to Chester Bigelow, Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23240, telephone (804) 698-4554, Fax (804) 698-4116, or e-mail cbigelow@deq.Virginia.gov or John M. Carlock, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia 23320, telephone (757)420-8300, FAX (757)523-4881, email jcarlock@hrpdc.org